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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | Examiner: H. Nguyen |
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| Yoshinori OHSAKI |) | Group Art Unit: 2851 |
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| Application No.: 09/577,978 |) | Allowed: May 1, 2003 |
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| Filed: May 25, 2000 |) | Confirmation No.: 6455 |
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| For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS, |) | August 1, 2003 |
| AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING | : | |
| METHOD USING THE SAME |) | |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows: